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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

1. EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA JANUARY 20 TAGGED CUBA AS SOVIET "INSTRUMENT" IN ANGOLA. TRACED IN DETAIL CUBA'S SUBERSIVE ROLE IN AFRICA, DATING FROM 1960'S. SAID CUBA'S MISSION IN ANGOLA IS THAT OF ESTABLISHING MARXIST REGIME IN RICH, STRATEGICALLY-SITUATED TERRITORY WHERE SOVIETS HOPE TO ESTABLISH AIR AND NAVAL BASES. CHARACTERIZED MPLA AS "NOTORIOUSLY COMMUNIST" MINORITY PARTY WHICH OWNES ITS CONTROL OF TERRITORY TO MASSIVE AND "INSOLENT" SOVIET MILITARY AID. WARNED THAT THIS INTERVENTION WILL
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PROVOKE A BLOOD BATH IN ANGOLA THE LIKE OF WHICH AFRICA HAS NOT SEEN

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SINCE 1945. CONTRASTED THIS "BRUTAL", "CYNICAL" INTERVENTION TO SOVIET PRETENSE OF GOOD FAITH AT HELSINKI AND TOWARDS DETENTE GENERALLY. INTERPRETED INTERVENTION AS SIGNIFICANT STEP IN SOVIET POLICY AIMED AT LARGER ROLE IN INDIAN OCEAN, ALONG CAPE ROUTE, AND IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED WITH OBSERVATION THAT IT IS NOW FOR WEST TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PICK UP THE CHALLENGE OR TO ACCEPT DEFEAT.

2. COMMENT: ELIMA EDITORIAL REPRESENTS STRONGEST AND MOST SPECIFIC CONDEMNATION TO DATE OF CUBAN ROLE IN ANGOLA AFFAIR.
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